1	2	3	4	5	6
17	Meghalaya	40885	2129	43014	77.94
18	Mizoram	18699	1641	20340	34.22
19	Manipur	56670	1393	58063	57.49
20	Nagaland	12623	2290	14913	22.39
21	Orissa	2377022	135935	2512957	3277.75
22	Punjab	227416	193862	421278	1222.91
23	Rajasthan	1111821	732765	1844586	3795.78
24	Sikkim	7140	651	7791	13.39
25	Tamil Nadu	1427280	328206	1755486	3365.39
26	Tripura	60502	1101	61603	97.09
27	Uttar Pradesh	4794348	621693	5416041	9095.11
28	Uttarakhand	154962	18733	173695	317.65
29	West Bengal	1445743	16590	1462333	1882.27
30	Andman & Nicobar	1537	958	2495	1.96
31	Chandigarh	148	79	227	1.35
32	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	351	137	488	0.69
33	Daman & Diu	65	38	103	0.15
34	Lakshadweep	130	2	132	0.25
35	Puducherry	26247	5055	31302	59.37
	TOTAL	30106236	6771582	36877818	65318.33

Estimated production of Rabi crops

†2024. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the estimates given with regard to the production of Rabi crops on 25th September, 2008 is low in comparison to fourth and final estimates of the previous year;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and whether it clearly shows that the production in the current year will be less in comparison to the production of last year; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The sowing of Rabi 2008 crops is in progress and their production estimates have not

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

been prepared so far. On 25th September 2008, the 1st Advance Estimates for the year 2008-09 covering only Kharif crops were released, the production of various Kharif crops. As per 1st Advance Estimates for 2008-09 released on 25th September 2008 *vis-a-vis* their production as per 4th Advance Estimates for 2007-08 released on 09.07.2008 are given in the table below:

Crop	Production ('Million Tonnes)	
	2008-09#	2007-08*
Rice	83.25	82.81
Coarse Cereals	27.36	31.70
Pulses	4.72	6.45
Foodgrains	115.34	120.96
Groundnut	6.10	7.48
Soyabean	9.94	9.99
Oilseeds	17.95	19.84
Sugarcane	294.66	340.56
Cotton $	23.91	25.81
Jute $$	10.32	10.18
Mesta$$	0.82	0.99

#Ist Advance Estimates released on 25.09.2008 (Kharif only)

* 4th Advance Estimates released on 09.07.2008 (Kharif only)

$ Production in '000 bales of 170 kg each

$$ Production in '000 bales of 180 kg each

As per reports regarding area coverage under Rabi 2008-09, it is expected that the loss of production in Kharif 2008-09 will be more than compensated by higher production during Rabi season.

To increase the production of cereals in the country, the Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) in rice, wheat and coarse cereals based cropping systems have been under implementation since October 2000.

In order to further increase the production of rice, wheat and pulses, the Government has launched National Food Security Mission (NFSM) from Rabi 2007-08. The NFSM aims at increasing the production of rice by 10 million tonnes, wheat by 8 million tonnes and pulses by 2 million tonnes in the targeted districts of the country, by the end of the 11th Plan *i.e.* 2011-2012.

To increase the production of pulses, a centrally sponsored "Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize" (ISOPOM) is also under implementation with effect from 01.04.2004 in 14 major pulses growing States in the country. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, distribution of seed minikits, infrastructure development, block demonstrations on improved technology, integrated pest management, weedicides, distribution of sprinkler sets and farmers' training for increasing production and productivity of pulses.